

Benefits

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Western Council of Engineers (WCE)



Health and Welfare

The City provides an annual allotment of \$15,936 (\$664.00 twice monthly) for WCE employees to use toward the purchase of benefits available under the City's IRS Section 125 Cafeteria Benefits Plan (Flex Plan). From this allotment employees must choose coverage for themselves under one of the health plans offered by the City. If the employee has other eligible, employer-sponsored group medical coverage, the employee may elect to decline medical insurance from the City. With the remaining allotment amount, employees may elect: health coverage for their dependents; dental and/or vision coverage for themselves and their dependents; set aside funds in a flexible spending account (FSA) for reimbursement of eligible health or dependent care expenses; and/or place a portion of up to \$4,000 (\$166.67 twice monthly) in a taxable cash option.

HEALTH PLANS AND RETIREE HEALTH

The City offers the Kaiser HMO, Aetna Whole Health Southern CA EPO, Aetna Full Network HMO, and the Aetna PPO plans to its active employees and their dependents. Medical insurance coverage is effective on date of hire. Eligible individuals retiring from the City may choose to continue participating in the City's medical plans at their own cost. The Flex Allotment for Employee Only medical coverage, employees waiving medical coverage, or employees who are covered by another Chula Vista City employee is fixed at \$13,024.

DENTAL INSURANCE

The City currently offers the Cigna DHMO and Cigna DPPO Plans. Coverage is effective on date of hire.

VISION INSURANCE

The City currently offers the MES Vision plan. Coverage is effective on date of hire.

FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS (FSAs)

The City offers both Health and Dependent/Child Care FSAs. FSAs may be funded by your Flex Plan allotment and/or payroll deductions. The maximum annual Health FSA allocation is \$2,850 from all sources. Dependent/Child Care FSAs are limited to \$5,000 from all sources.

CASH PAYMENT OPTION

Flex Plan Allotment up to \$4,000 (\$166.67 twice monthly) remaining after electing medical, dental, vision and/or FSA coverage may be placed in a taxable cash option.

LIFE INSURANCE

The City provides eligible employees with a \$50,000 Group Term Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment policy. In addition to the basic life insurance provided by the City, employees may purchase Optional coverage in multiples of \$10,000, up to a maximum of \$550,000 or four times their annual salary, whichever is less. An employee can elect coverage for their dependent spouse or domestic partner up to the lesser of \$100,000 and 50% of the employee's coverage, in \$10,000 increments. Coverage of \$10,000 is available for dependent children up to age 26.

SHORT/LONG-TERM DISABILITY (STD/LTD) INSURANCE

The City provides employees with Short Term and Long-Term Disability insurance. If the employee is disabled according to the policy's definition of disability, the employee may be eligible to receive a benefit based upon 60% of the basic earnings up to a maximum of \$2,500 per week. Benefits would begin after an "Elimination Period" of 30 days for an accident or sickness and would be paid for as long as the employee continues to meet the policy's definition of disability. STD benefits are payable for up to nine weeks. After nine weeks, coverage transitions to LTD. LTD benefit is 60% of the employee's monthly earnings to a maximum of \$10,000 per month. LTD benefits duration is based on the employee's age when the disability occurs up to the Social Security normal retirement age.

Retirement

BASIC RETIREMENT

The City contracts with CalPERS for the provisions of its retirement benefits as set forth in the California Government Code and California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013.

Retirement Tier	Retirement Formula	Employee Deduction	Minimum Age for Retirement
Tier 1 Retirement	Local Miscellaneous 3% @ 60	11.175%	50
Tier 2 Retirement	Local Miscellaneous 2% @ 60	9.075%	50
Tier 3 Retirement	Local Miscellaneous 2% @ 62	7.500%	52

Tier 1 – Employees who became CalPERS members with the City of Chula Vista prior to 04/22/2011

Tier 2 - Employees who became members of CalPERS or a reciprocal agency between 04/22/2011 through 12/31/2012

Tier 3 - New CalPERS members or reciprocal agency members on or after 01/01/2013

Employees may retire when they reach minimum age for retirement with five years of CalPERS service credit. Following is a summary of the CalPERS contract provisions:

- One Year Final Compensation (Tier 1 only)
- Employer Paid Member Contributions Reported as Earnings (Tier 1)
- Three Year Final Compensation (Tier 2 & 3)
- 1959 Survivor Benefit - Level 4
- Post Retirement Survivor’s Continuance
- Military Service Credit as Public Service
- Credit for Unused Sick Leave
- Retired Death Benefit \$5,000
- Social Security Coverage-None

457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION

The City offers a 457 plan through Nationwide. Participation in the plan is voluntary and 100% employee funded.

Vacation, Holidays and Leaves

VACATION

WCE employees will be credited vacation hours on a biweekly basis and shall accrue the following:

- 10 days (0 - 4 years of service)
- 15 days (5 - 9 years of service)
- 20 days (10 - 14 years of service)
- 25 days (15+ years of service)

The maximum accrual is three times the annual accrual. Employees who have completed at least five (5) years of service may sell back to the City up to 80 hours of accrued vacation in 20-hour increments per fiscal year.

SICK LEAVE

WCE employees accrue 96 hours per year at a rate of 3.69 hours per pay period. If during a fiscal year in which the employee was employed as of July 1, they used 32 hours or less of sick leave, they may convert to vacation hours 25% of the remaining fiscal year’s accrual.

HARD HOLIDAYS

The City is closed and employees receive compensation for the following holidays:

- New Year’s Day - January 1
- Cesar Chavez Day - March 31
- Independence Day - July 4
- Veterans Day - November 11
- Day after Thanksgiving
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Third Monday in January
- Memorial Day - Last Monday in May
- Labor Day - First Monday in September
- Thanksgiving Day - Fourth Thursday in November
- Christmas - December 25

FLOATING HOLIDAYS

Employees are credited with 32 hours each fiscal year for the following:

- Lincoln’s Birthday - February 12
- Admission Day - September 9
- Washington’s Birthday - Third Monday in February
- Additional 8 hours in 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025

VOLUNTARY WORK FURLOUGH

Employees may elect to purchase 40 hours of work furlough leave once every fiscal year. There will be a deduction of 1.92% from the employee’s gross wages every pay period to pay for the furlough. Furlough hours will be available for employees to use throughout the fiscal year and must be exhausted by June 30 of each year. Any remaining balance by the end of the fiscal year will be forfeited.

LEAVE BALANCE PAYOFF AT TERMINATION

All vacation and accrued floating holidays are paid in a lump sum payment upon termination. Sick leave balances will not be paid upon termination. If the employee retires from the City within four months of separation from employment, he/she may convert unused sick leave to additional CalPERS service credit at the rate of 0.004 year of service credit for each day of unused sick leave.

Other Benefits

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

WCE employees shall be entitled to mileage reimbursement when required to use their private automobile for authorized City business.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

WCE employees may receive up to 15% additional compensation when assigned by the City Manager to a special project.

OUT OF CLASS ASSIGNMENT

WCE employees may receive 5% to 20% Out of Class pay in the event that they are assigned duties of a higher paid classification for a period of at least 5 consecutive work days or 40 consecutive working hours.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSE

The City shall pay the fees for the professional registration or license of Engineers, Civil Engineers, Structural Engineers, Traffic Engineers, Traffic Operation Engineers, Land Surveyors, Plan Check Engineers, Architect, Qualified SWPPP Developers (QSDs), and Qualified SWPPP Practitioners (QSPs). The City will pay membership fees for WCE employees in any one professional organization as requested. The City will pay only one membership fee per year, per employee in addition to any department-wide memberships.

PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

Assistant Land Surveyor, Associate Land Surveyor, Senior Land Surveyor, and other eligible employees determined by their Appointing Authority or Human Resources that, because of their duties, shall receive reimbursement up to \$150 for safety shoes.

BILINGUAL PAY

Upon recommendation of the Department Head, approval of the Director of Human Resources and successful completion of a bilingual performance evaluation, a WCE employee will receive \$100 per month in addition to his/her regular pay on the condition that bilingual skills are continuously utilized in the performance of his/her duties.

PROFESSIONAL ENRICHMENT

WCE employees may use up to a maximum of \$2,500 per fiscal year to pay for education, conferences and training per the City’s Professional Enrichment Program.

Information contained herein is for informational purposes only. If there is conflicting information, the employee’s Memorandum of Understanding and/or Civil Service Rules will prevail.